**Cleaner roadways = Cleaner Water**

Do your part to prevent water pollution from illicit discharges

Roadside ditches in our community connect to wetlands, ponds, and pipes that lead to lakes and streams. Dumping litter, chemicals and yard waste in ditches can pollute our water.

**DON’T DUMP**

**NEVER** dump litter, chemicals or yard waste into roadside ditches, backyard ravines, or dry creek beds.

Even “natural” waste like grass clippings and leaves can release large amounts of phosphorus and nitrates that cause algae blooms downstream.

If you see illegal dumping or see water that is cloudy, colored, or has an oil sheen, report it to [insert MS4 contact information]. Report petroleum and hazardous materials spills to the Minnesota Duty Officer: 1-800-422-0798

**YOU CAN HELP!**

**DO** turn your mower around when you mow so that clippings blow into your lawn instead of the road or ditch. [Insert local ordinance info here.]

**CHOOSE** the right location for your compost pile. It should be high and dry – not in a pathway where water flows when it rains.

**DO** pick up litter in your neighborhood to help keep our community beautiful and our water clean.

Learn more about keeping water clean at [www.cleanwatermn.org](http://www.cleanwatermn.org).